

REMARKS

Entry of this paper is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, and 8-20 are presently pending and have been allowed. Claims 1, 8-10, 13-16, 19 and 20 have been amended. Claim 7 has been cancelled.

Claims 1, 9, 10, 15 and 16 have been amended for purposes of consistency and clarity.

Claims 8, 14 and 20 have been amended editorially.

Claims 13 and 19 have been amended to be consistent with the specification. Claim 8 has been amended editorially.

Claim 7 has been cancelled for a lack of antecedents.

It is respectfully asserted that the aforementioned amendments do not require additional search or examination, and, coupled with the reasons for the amendments above, claims 1, 6 and 8-20, remain allowable over all art of record. These amendments resulted from an examination of claims upon receiving the aforementioned Notice of Allowance, and therefore, were not earlier presented.

The Examiner provided Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability. In response, the applicant notes that it is not the addition of a claimed feature to an existing combination of features, but rather, the entire combination of claimed features as a whole, that renders the claimed invention patentable over the cited art.

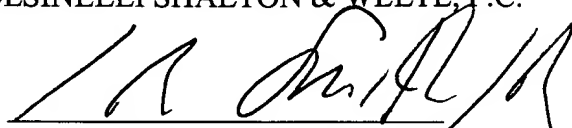
Should the Examiner have any questions or comments as to the form, content, or entry of this paper, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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